



Paul Turner, Living His Dream

By Maggie Nutter

Paul Turner of Turner Angus is our sponsor for this issue of The Post Rider Newsletter.

Paul grew up in the Oilmont area among dry land farming, cattle and oil fields. His parents had a commercial cattle herd and raised grain. Paul now raises Registered Angus bulls which he sells at the Common Sense Cattlemen's Bull Sale held at Rocky Ridge Farms in March each year.

MRLA: So Paul, what made you interested in sponsoring our newsletter?

Paul: There is more and more government and environmentalists. They are trying to steal our property. Basically run us off the land. We need to organize and I think the Association gives us a voice to do it.

MRLA: What is your favorite part of ranching or what makes you proud of your place?

Paul: I love just driving around looking at the cows and the improvements that have been made like the cross fencing or water system. I like to see the cows and their personalities or disposition. Just getting to know them.

MRLA: So how did you get started? Did your parents have registered cattle?

Paul: Dad ran about 80 head of commercial cattle, but I always wanted to get into the breeding end of things. I bought my first registered cattle when I was in junior high school then didn't get back into cattle until 1993 when I got out of the oilfield.

MRLA: So what do you like to see in your cattle?

Paul: Survivability! They need to be able to survive in this desert area. The best cow is medium framed, big middle, good foragers on dry land. They have to have the face to eat this dry grass.

MRLA: So where do you go from here Paul? What are your goals?

Paul: I don't want to get bigger, just better. I'm really cutting deep on the bulls this year. Getting harder on what make the grade. Looking at some new genetics. I want to improve on quality not quantity.



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